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April 22, 1999

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
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Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification  
The Southern Company and Southern Energy, Inc., Certificate of Notification - File  
Nos. 70-8733 and 70-8725

Enclosed for filing in the matter referred to above is the Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification by Gulf Power Company. This request covers information for the period ending December 31, 1998.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me.

Please mark the enclosed extra copy of this letter with the date and time the material was accepted in your office for filing and return same to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan D. Ritenour".

Susan D. Ritenour  
Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer

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Enclosure

cc: Beggs and Lane  
Russell A. Badders, Esquire

This Notice of Intent was filed with  
Confidential Document No. 05294-99.  
The document has been placed in the  
confidential files pending receipt of a request  
for confidential treatment.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: The Southern Company and Southern  
Energy, Inc., Certificate of Notification  
File Nos. 70-8733 and 70-8725  
for the quarter ending December 31, 1998

Docket No.: Undocketed  
Filed: April 23, 1999

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

The Southern Company and Southern Energy, Inc., an associate company of Gulf Power Company, by and through its undersigned attorney and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby gives notice that it intends to request confidential classification for the Certificate of Notification in File Nos. 70-8733 and 70-8725, hereafter the Certificate, submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission Staff pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 53(a)(4), C.F.R. §250.53(a)(4). A copy of the Certificate is attached hereto as exhibit "A". Rule 53 requires that every registered holding company submit certain specified categories of filings to each state commission in which the affiliates of the registered holding company operate. Gulf Power is an affiliate of the Southern Company, a registered holding company.

The Certificate contains proprietary and commercially sensitive information regarding the Southern Company and Southern Energy, Inc. ("Companies") and certain of their unregulated, non-utility, businesses and investments which would cause irreparable harm to the Companies if disclosed to the general public. A formal request for confidential classification will be filed within the time period specified in Rule 25-22.006(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, if the Staff determines that the information will be retained by the Commission and not returned to the Companies within the specified time period. In the event the Staff determines

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that it will retain this document, the Companies request to be notified, through the undersigned counsel, prior to the expiration of the period specified in Rule 25-22.006(3)(a). This Certificate is the subject of a claim of confidentiality under the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully submitted,



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